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**Subject:** NCRRT Traffic Separation Study (TSS) Update

### **Summary**

The Durham Traffic Separation Study (TSS) is a joint study underway between the N. C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the City of Durham, Triangle Transit (TTA) and Norfolk Southern Railroad. The study is examining 18 at-grade railroad crossings in Durham to identify needs for new or upgraded crossing safety equipment, new roadway overpasses or underpasses, or closing railroad crossings.

Community engagement is an essential part of the study process. To introduce the study to the public, the N. C. Department of Transportation has scheduled the first round of public workshops the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>. The drop-in workshops will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about the study and provide ideas on how to improve safety at railroad crossings. Additional meetings will be arranged with neighborhoods, PACs, and business groups. Meetings are also being held with stakeholders, including the Durham Police Department, Durham Fire Department, Durham City-County Planning Department, EMS, DDI, Chamber of Commerce, DPAC, NCCU, Duke University, and RTP.

As part of the community engagement process, the N. C. Department of Transportation will provide a brief study update at the City Council Work Session. A copy of the presentation is attached.

### **Workshop Dates/Locations:**

November 28, 2011, 5-7 PM at The Durham Armory, 215 Foster St.  
November 29, 2011, 5-7 PM, at the Hilton Durham, 3800 Hillsborough Rd.  
December 1, 2011, 5-7 PM, at the NC Biotechnology Center, 15 T. W. Alexander Dr.

### **Recommendation**

The City Department of Transportation recommends that the City Council receive an update from the N. C. Department of Transportation on the status of the Durham Traffic Separation Study and the community engagement process.

### **Attachment**